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Coosa 50 Rules NOAC 2000

Lodge, Individuals take multiple awards

Coosa Lodge 50 returned from its first NOAC with a handful of awards, a rekindled spirit, and new sense of unity! Held at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville, this 5-day conference was attended by over 7,000 arrowmen from across the nation. Our contingent consisted of 27 youth and 9 adult members, and they report that a great time was had by all!



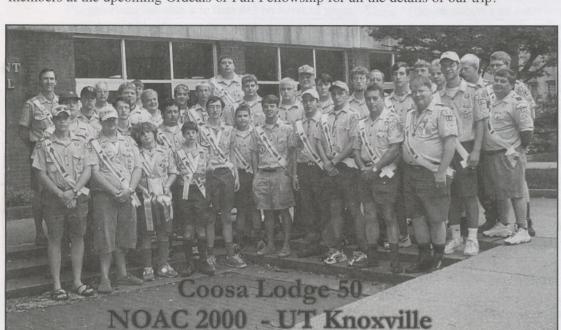
The Lodge earned the coveted Spirit Award for overall participation, and Andrew Land, Kevin Pocus, William Hayes, and Charlie Simmons earned National Honor Medalist (top honor) in the pre-Ordeal ceremony competition. Our basketball team, consisting of David Ferguson, Brent Keane, Sean Allen, Weston Burt, Matt Hughes, and David Self, placed 2nd in the nation, losing in the championship game by a shot at the buzzer! Our Camp Promotion display was awarded an Honorable Mention ribbon, and our Lodge newsletter entry earned a National

Standard Award in competition. In the Grass Dance individual competition, Charlie Simmons

placed 2nd in the nation, and earned the right to strut his stuff at the Native American Theme Show before all 7,000 participants!

Our Founder's Day booth was very popular; we served watermelon iced down in a river canoe, and every so often, we held a watermelon eating contest, where the 2 contestants raced to see who could finish their watermelon with their hands behind their backs. The contest between Seth Hill, our current section chief, and Carson Strickland, past section chief, was definitely one of the best. Catch up with one of our contingent

members at the upcoming Ordeals or Fall Fellowship for all the details of our trip!





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Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Event Pass

By David R. Self, Lodge Chief

Here's your ticket to all the Coosa Lodge events for the year 2001! Purchase a Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Event Pass at this year's fall fellowship, and you will save \$15 to \$30 from the total cost of the events if you registered for them separately. In addition, a special patch will be given to those who purchase this Event Pass, to be worn around the neck at lodge events.

This Event Pass will cover the following:

- 1. Year 2001 dues
- 2. Lodge Leadership Development Conference
- 3. Spring Fellowship
- 4. Comer Ordeal
- 5. Jackson Ordeal
- 6. Sequoyah Ordeal
- 7. Westmoreland Workday
- 8. Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow

This list totals to \$90 if you register for these events separately, but the Event Pass is only \$60 for youth members (under 21), and only \$75 for adults, and the patch is included. The Event Pass covers everything that registration would normally cover at that event; the fee for Brotherhood is not included, nor is conclave or any other section or national event. This Event Pass is not transferable, and must be shown at check-in of these events.

The Coosa Lodge 2001 Event Pass will only be sold at the 2000 Fall fellowship, so make your plans to attend now!

Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow Approaching Fast

By Justin Munday, Lodge Vice-Chief of Fellowship

Our annual Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow is just around the corner! As most of you know, each year we have a Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow where we can all gather to review the year's events in fellowship and begin a new year by electing officers. This year's Fall Fellowship will be held at Camp Jackson during the weekend of October 7th and 8th. Registration will begin at 8 AM Saturday at the OA Lodge and end at 9 AM – you must be a registered participant to purchase items from the trading post – so be there on time or you may miss something good! The cost is \$18 if you pre-register, and \$25 at the door. We will have lots of activities going on during the day to keep everyone busy such as volleyball, canoe races, mountain biking, wischixin, cere-

monies workshop, demonstrations and let's not forget Lodge, Tribe and

Chapter elections.

Vigil members are encouraged to attend the first Coosa Vigil Call-out Friday evening beginning at 6:30, and the Vigil Fellowship Breakfast at 6:30 Saturday morning in the Dining Hall. Special Vigil memorabilia may be available for those who attend this Breakfast, so don't miss it!

Your registration form is included in this newsletter, so get it in the mail now! I look forward to seeing each of you there and I know that we will all have a great time!

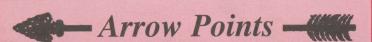
How Can I Help? Consider these ideas for Service

By Glenn Creamer, Publication Committee Advisor

Many Arrowmen struggle for balance in their lives and wonder how much time they should committ to the lodge. The following outline is one Arrowman's opinion of how an Arrowman might approach that question.

- 1. An Arrowman in "good standing" would earn this status by fulfilling the lodge's service and fellowship ideals, e.g., pay your annual dues, attend 1 Ordeal and the Fall Pow Wow each year. A logical sequence of increased devotion to the lodge would include the following ...
- 2. Join and be active on at least 1 committee and no more than 3, e.g., every Arrowman in "good standing" could easily serve on any of the following committees (a) unit elections, (b) camp promotions, or (c) inductions (Elangomat).
- 3. 10 months after your Ordeal, seal your committment to the lodge bypassing the Brotherhood test
- 4. regulary attend your chapter, tribe or lodge executive committee meetings
- 5. go to the Section 8B Conclave in April Remember not to neglect your own advancement.
- 6. attend JLTC (Junior Leader Training Council), e.g., Allohakasin Challenge, Whitefire
- 7. go for your Eagle award!

 If you aspire to further leadership challenges in the lodge, then consider to ...
- 8. volunteer as a committee chair in your chapter or tribe (adult Arrowmen can volunteer to serve as committee advisors)
- 9. attend the LLDC (Lodge Leadership Development Course)
- 10. go to NOAC (Natioanl Order of the Arrow Conference)
- 11. submit your name for nomination as a chapter/ tribe/ lodge officer, i.e., chief, vice-chief (2), secretary, or treasurer Should the spirit move you in another direction of service in the Order of the Arrow, then consider whether to ...
- 12. go to Philmont or the Boundary Waters on an OA Trek
- 13. apply to serve on summer camp staff
- 14. apply to serve on staff at a national high adventure base
- 15. apply to serve on OA staff at a national jamboree *If you get this far, then maybe you should consider to* ...
- 16. attend the NLS (National Leadership Seminar)
- 17. run for a Section 8B office, i.e., chief, conclave vice chief (2) secretary, or treasurer



Our conclave memorabilia reorder has finally arrived! If you ordered extra patches, pins, etc., they are now available from the Lodge trading post at the upcoming ordeals and Fall Fellowship.



Editorial

By A.J. Blount, Lodge Newspaper Editor

Dear Brothers,

So far this newsletter has been going great. We have been receiving articles from a lot of people and we hope to keep receiving articles in the future. I heard, NOAC was a blast! I didn't have a chance to go, but everyone has told me good things about it. I hope that I get the chance to go next year. I hope

that everyone out there is doing fine, just remember to stay true to what you do. It will help you out in the long run. Till next time...

The Red Feather Herald was awarded "National Standard Newsletter" in National competition at NOAC.





From The Lodge Chief

By David R. Self, Lodge Chief

Adviser's Viewpoint

By James Flatt, MD, Lodge Advisor

What a great year this has been! As a new lodge, we have made great strides in coming together to work toward a common purpose, and nowhere was this more evident than in our recent trip to the NOAC. I was proud of the way our entire contingent pulled together, encouraging and



inspiring each other in each endeavor. As a result, the Coosa Lodge contingent brought home more awards than ever, and, more importantly, we became a more unified lodge in the process.

I can't wait for Fall Fellowship! This should be a great event, and I'm looking forward to a record attendance – this will wrap up our first program year, and we'll kick off a new year with the election of new lodge and tribe officers – you won't want to miss it! Camp Jackson is evolving into the Jackson Hi-AdVenture Base, and you'll be able to sample many of the high adventure activities that Jackson now offers – come see for yourself what's in the works!

In the meantime, we still have 2 ordeals to attend to.... make your plans to join us at Comer and Winnataska to support our new members and provide service to our council camps. We'll see you there!



Greetings,

It would be a heinous understatement to say that the past few months have been busy. With Conclave in April and Summer Camp and various Ordeals in June and July, and then NOAC in early August, the members of Coosa Lodge have been on their toes. To be perfectly honest, I think that this is what the Lodge needs. With all the activity that has been going on in the last few months, the members of this Lodge have really come together and have provided just a preview of the character and the quality of Coosa Lodge 50.

At this year's NOAC, I had the great honor to talk to Arrowmen from all over the nation on what the National Committee called, Ideas and Suggestions for a Smooth Merger. One of the points that I tried to make was that one of the most important things for a newly formed Lodge to do is to stay as active as possible. I have to say that we accomplished that this year. With any luck, next year will be filled with various events and activites that are sure to build and strengthen our Lodge in many different aspects of service and friendship. It is my one hope that we, Coosa Lodge 50, continue to go higher and strive for total success in what ever our Lodge goals may be. I know that we can accomplish anything that we set our collective minds and strengths to, and I am also certain that we will continue to set the example for the other Lodges in our Section and in the Great Southern Region.

As this year winds down, I would like to remind you of some goals that we set for ourselves at our first LEC meeting last year. We made it a goal that we will try our very best to attain Quality Lodge Status. What can you do to help? If you have been an Ordeal Member for at least ten (10) months, you can seal your membership in the Order by taking the Brotherhood test at the two remaining Ordeals. The test is not very difficult, in fact, everything that you need to know is found in your Order of the Arrow Handbook. Just review your book, and you'll do just fine. If you are a unit leader, and have not had your Camping Promotions visit yet, please request that one be done for your Unit. As I said earlier, we have two remaining Ordeals for 2000, one at Comer Scout Reservation and the other at Camp Winnataska. I hope that you will be able to make it to these Ordeals, in fact, I would like to see as many Arrowmen as possible at both Ordeals, that way we can get a lot of work done so that the Camps can be winterized and "put to bed" for the year. Coming up this October at Camp Jackson, we will have our second anual Fall Pow-Wow. At this Pow-Wow, there will be lots of fun, fellowship and maybe a few surprises for you. At this Pow-Wow, we will also induct the First Vigil Honor class of Coosa Lodge, so please come out and show your support for our brothers. I look foward to seeing you there.

On a closing note, I would like to congratulate the Coosa Lodge Ceremonies team on their medal winning performance in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, the Camping Promotions Team for their Honorable Mention, and The Coosa 50 basketball team on their 2nd place finish this past week at the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Tennessee. These guys did absolutely fantastic jobs in representing our Lodge and each of them deserves a big round of applause.

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Email Directory

By Massey Griffin, Coosa Lodge Secretary

Our E-mail directory is up and running. If you haven't sent your information to us, it is imperative that you do so. I think this directory will be a great tool for many people in our lodge, it should work wonders with our lodge communication! If you haven't done so already, please send your name, e-mail address, and chapter name to me at coosa_sec@hotmail.com

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Coosa Lodge 50 2000 Calendar

August 2.....TEC Cherokee Meeting -7:00 P.M.
Birmingham Scout Office

August 8.....TEC Kaskanampo Meeting -7:00 P.M. Huntsville Scout Office

August 25-27.....Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend
Camp Comer

September 6.....TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Birmingham Scout Office

September 15-17......National Leadership Seminar Brandon, Mississippi

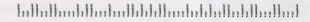
September 15-17.....Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend Camp Winnataska

October 4.....TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Birmingham Scout Office

October 6-8.....Coosa Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow Camp Jackson

November 1.....TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

Birmingham Scout Office





Coosa Lodge 50 WWW 2000 Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow Registration Form

Make your plans now to attend the first "official" Coosa Lodge 50 Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow to be held October 7 - 8, 2000 at Camp Jackson! This is the big event of the year for Coosa Lodge – officer elections, tribe competitions, Vigil presentations, and patch trading are but a few of the many activities planned - and there's always a surprise or two in the trading post that may not be available again - you won't want to miss out! The event will begin Saturday morning with registration at the OA Lodge between 8 and 9 AM, and conclude Sunday morning – bring your own tenting. Only those who are registered participants will be allowed to purchase items in the Coosa Lodge trading post, so get there on time to register!

Cost for the weekend will be only \$18 if you pre-register by the date below; the on-site registration fee will be \$25. Dues will also be requested at registration Saturday, and will be \$7 for the year 2001 – your 2001 membership card will be presented on payment.

There will be a Brotherhood Class and Ceremony at this event, so if you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months, we encourage you to seal your membership by attaining the Brotherhood Honor. Please indicate if you would like to participate below – there will be an additional \$12 charge for the Brotherhood sash.

<u>Vigil members</u> are invited to attend the Vigil Call-out at the Friday evening Staff Dinner at 6:30 PM, and should plan to attend the Vigil Ceremony at 6:30 AM Saturday, followed by the Vigil fellowship breakfast in the dining hall at 7 AM. Special items of recognition are planned for those who attend. ____ As a Vigil member, I will attend the Friday Dinner / Saturday fellowship Breakfast. (please check if you will attend)